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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR LY EG

SUBJ: EGYPTIAN MILITARY ON LIBYAN BORDER

REF: (A) TRIPOLI 992

1. IN AFTERMATH OF SUDAN AFFAIR, GOE CONTINUES EFFORTS KEEP POLITICAL HEAT ON QADHAFI. PRESS HAS BEEN SPEAHEAD OF GOE CAMPAIGN. CAIRO WEEKLY AKHIR SA'A, FOR EXAMPLE, MAKES CLAIM GUARANTEED CATCH LOCAL ATTENTION: QADHAFI WANTED NUMAYRI'S CUCCESOR REGIME TO CUT OFF NILE WATER FROM EGYPT.

2. WE BELIEVE THAT REPORTS OF AUGMENTED EGYPTIAN MILITARY CONCENTRATIONS IN WESTERN DESERT SHOULD BE SEEN IN SAME CONTEXT AS REVVED UP PROPAGANDA ATTACKS: I.E., TO MAINTAIN PRESSUE ON TRIPOLI. REMARKS BY SENIOR EGYPTIAN DIPLOMAT IN TRIPOLI SA'ADANI (REF A) ARE GERMANE. HIS VIEW THAT QADHAFI'S CIVILIAN OPPOSITION IS POWERLESS AND MILITARY DISSIDENTS ARE CLOSELY SURVEILLED, ACCORDS WITH INFORMATION PROVIDED TO USBY GOE.

3. GIVEN THIS OFFICIAL GOE ESTIMATE THAT QADHAFI HAS INTERNAL AFFAIRS UNDER CONTROL, IT IS UNLIKELY THAT GOE

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ALSO BELIEVES MERE PRESENCE OF BEEFED UP EGYPTIAN FORCES

ON LIBYAN BORDER WOULD STIMULATE LIBYAN "RISING" OR EVEN  
PALACE COUP. FURTHER, WHILE IS IS CONCEIVABLE THAT  
SADAT HAS ALREADY DECIDED TO RID HIMSELF OF THE COLONEL,  
WE DOUBT HE WOULD DO SO BY MILITARY INVASION UNLESS LIBYANS  
GIVE HIM SOME DEMONSTRABLY " UNACCEPTABLE" PRETEXT ON WHICH  
TO HANG SUCH ACTION IN EYES ARAB WORLD. GOE IS SEOSITIVE  
TO ARAB WORLD REACTION TO MILITARY ACTION AGAINST  
LIGYA, YET AT SAME TIME HAS CONCLUDED QADHAFI IS IRREMEADIABLY  
DANGEROUS AND MUST SOMEHOW BE GOTTEN RID OF.

4. CURRENT MILITARY BUILDUP IS, AT MINIMUM, INTENDED AS  
POLITICAL PRESSURE TACTIC, BUT COULD BE USED IN OTHER  
WAYS SHOULD OPPORTUNITY PRESENT ITSELF.  
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